

a chamber music concert; Bridgewater Antiphonal- \$425 for a brass chamber concert; Patty Carpenter, vocalist - \$250 for a senior citizen concert; Edward Cope, Jr. - \$275 for a "Reading is Magic" performance in Wellesley Schools; The Golden Tones - \$300 for a choral concert; The Heritage Chorale - \$400 to support their anniversary concert; Gregory Maichack - \$300 for a workshop at the Library "The Art of Pastel;" St. Andrews Performing Arts Series - \$500; The Roots of American Dance, Bob Thomas - \$200 to support an in school performance and lecture; Messiah Sing by the Wellesley Choral Society - \$840; Wellesley Free Library - \$500 to support a series of three lectures on the Middle East.

Meetings of the Wellesley Cultural Council are posted at Town Hall and at the Wellesley Free Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Kaiser, Chair

## **REPORT OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

During this past year the Design Review Board held 17 regular meetings during which 85 projects were reviewed, including two (2) major construction project, thirteen (13) minor construction projects, and seventy (70) sign applications.

The Design Review Board completed its review of the Wellesley College Oakwood Restoration and Addition project, an addition at Ten Acre School and the Fiske School modulars. Storefront renovations at West Side Mobil –870 Worcester Street, Clarks-67 Central Street, Ardan Salon –72A Central Street, and The DeFazio Building-352 Washington Street were reviewed and approved for construction. The Board reviewed the reconstruction of the entrances and stonewalls at the David Nassif Office Park located at 193 Worcester Street, as well as the parking lot reconstruction for the Wellesley Housing Authority's property at 50 Linden Street. Other Town projects reviewed were the lighting of the Clock Tower at Elm Park, the Elm Park Phase 2 Landscape plan, and the dugout for Reidy Baseball Field. Housing reviews included the three-unit condominium at 39A Oak Street and the Wellesley Manor 40B project located at 874 Worcester Street. Antenna reviews included several carrier replacements on existing facilities located at Wellesley College and 978 Worcester Street. The major and minor construction projects more than doubled in 2005 with 15 projects, the magnitude of the proposed projects integrated many facets of Design including architectural form and function, aesthetics, landscaping, and lighting.

The Design Review Board members participated in the Comprehensive Plan Phase I workshops held by the Planning Board. The Board offered recommendations on several projects requiring site plan review including the 39A Oak Street, Wellesley Manor, and the Fiske School modulars. The Design Review Board also played an active role in the Linden Square project and provided recommendations on the project for Special Town Meeting.

Section XXII of the Zoning Bylaw, "Design Review", authorizes the Design Review Board to review and make recommendations on all applications for commercial signs and awnings, as well as all projects defined as Minor and Major Construction Projects and Projects of Significant Impact in Section XVIA (Site Plan Approval) of the Zoning Bylaw.

The Board continues to publish and have available its agenda, meeting minutes, sign regulations, design guidelines, project updates as well as other related matters on the town-wide web site and in the Planning Board office

The Design Review Board's regular meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Planning Board office. Residents are encouraged to attend.

### **Membership**

The Wellesley Design Review Board consists of five members appointed by the Planning Board as specified in Section XXII (Design Review) of the Zoning Bylaw and three alternate members. Serving on the Design Review Board during 2004-2005 were:

Robert A. Broder, AIA, Chairman  
Ingrid Carls, Vice Chairman  
Thomas M. Paine  
Frank J. Shea  
David Grissino  
Edward S. Hand, Alternate  
Arshag Merguerian, AIA, Alternate  
Sheila E. Dinsmoor, Alternate

### **REPORT OF THE WELLESLEY FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE**

This report summarizes the activities of the Wellesley Fair Housing Committee during the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

### **Resolution**

On April 8, 1985 the Annual Town Meeting unanimously adopted the following Fair Housing Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the Town of Wellesley, acting through all of its agencies, to insure equal housing opportunity for all people without regard to race, color, national ancestry, age, sex, religious preference or marital status. In instances where there is either an over-concentration or under-representation of minorities as compared to Boston SMSA population figures, the Town of Wellesley will work with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination in investigating and taking or supporting appropriate legal action against violations of fair housing law.

The Fair Housing Committee has been charged by its appointing authority, the Wellesley Board of Selectmen, with promoting this policy through educational programs to inform people of anti-discrimination laws and with encouraging and monitoring the enforcement of these laws.